"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

If phone calls and office calls are any indications - - there's a heavy infestation of aphids on tobacco this year. This problem appears to be greatest where growers have been using Sevin for worm and flea beetle control. Now, there's no question that Sevin does a good job on these insects, but it also kills predacious insects that feed on aphids.

As we've pointed out before, Orthene is a very safe material that controls aphids, flea beetles, budworms and hornworms. This insecticide is slightly systemic.

Now with a heavy outbreak of aphids growers will need to use a strong systemic. This is an insecticide that is absorbed into the plant sap system and kills whenever the juices are sucked. Dimethoate sold as Cygon or De-Fend will do the job when applied at 3 teaspoons per gallon of water.

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The Appomattox Cattlemen's Association summer meeting will not have a fee for the picnic as I reported last week. Chevron Chemical Company is picking up the cost. We look forward to a large group at the R. E. McClenny, Jr. Farm on August 9.

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It's going to be extremely important for anyone who plans to use a restricted pesticide to become certified. A question and answer letter with return card will be mailed to all on our mailing list August 4. If you do not receive a copy and wish to become certified, please call our office.

Persons planning to use restricted pesticides cannot legally purchase this group of pesticides without certification.

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There were 11 cattlemen to attend Animal Industry Day at Virginia Tech last Friday.

There will be a field day at the Southern Piedmont Research Station, Thursday afternoon, August 7, for dark fired tobacco producers.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	1.98
This Month	9.18
This Year	41.44

Arthur L. Wiggins, Jr.

WIGGINS APPOINTED VO AG INSTRUCTOR

Arthur L. Wiggins, Jr. of Smithfield, Va., has been appointed to the position of instructor of Vocational Agriculture at the Appomattox Middle School. Mr. Wiggins replaces R. Q. Lawing, who retired July 1 after more than forty years of service.

Arthur is a June graduate of Virginia State College in Petersburg, Va., where he majored in agricultural education. While at Virginia State College young Wiggins was active in several student organizations. He was a member of the Agricultural Club, member and treasurer of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, member of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization, a tutor and counselor of the Special Services of Virginia State College for freshmen and sophomores, and a member of the Student Christian Association. He is also an active member of the Hill Street Baptist Church in Smithfield, and he has served on the Usher Board and worked with the Inquiring Youth Organization. He has had farming experience and has worked in the Smithfield packing plant of Gwaltney, Incorporated. His student teaching was done in the Park View Junior High School near South Hill, Va., in Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Wiggins and his wife have one daughter. The family is residing in an apartment owned by Kenneth Jamerson near Spout Spring.

YOU HAVE TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT GARDENING IF YOU RAISE CABBAGE. THAT LOOK LIKE THESE. Seibert McCoy and his daughter, Tonia, of Route 4 are shown above with cabbages grown in his garden. McCoy is holding a double-head cabbage and Tonia is holding a cabbage that measures 39 inches around.

"The Flower Boutique"
Opens In Appomattox

"The Flower Boutique", featuring FASHION FLOWERS FOR YOU, opened on Monday of this week in the building formerly occupied by the Appomattox County Health Department on South Church Street.

Danny E. Perdue, center above, is the owner of the new flower shop here in Appomattox. Shown with Mr. Perdue are employees Elaine Burnette, left above, and Beulah Jamerson, right above, of Appomattox.

They feature cut flowers, artificial arrangements, dish gardens, flowers for weddings, parties, funerals or any occasion.

"The Flower Boutique" will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Change In Tobacco Associates Assessment

Due to recent changes in the acreage-poundage program for flue-cured tobacco, it is necessary to change the procedure for collecting the Tobacco Associates assessments in North Carolina and South Carolina and the excise tax for tobacco in Virginia. In 1975 the Tobacco Associates assessment and the Virginia excise tax will be collected using poundage as a basis for determining the amount deducted instead of acreage as used in previous years.

It was decided that 5c per hundred pounds would be an equivalent to the $1.00 per acre collected in years past. This decision was based on the fact that in 1974 the national production average for flue-cured tobacco was 2014 pounds per acre.

The 5c per hundred pounds will be collected each time the grower sells.

Tobacco Associates, Inc., the promotion organization for the flue-cured tobacco growers, directs its efforts at expanding existing markets and developing new ones for U.S. flue-cured t.bacco.

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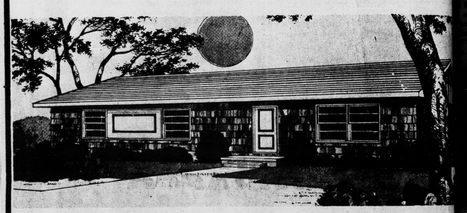

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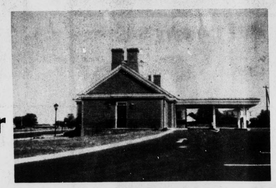

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"Courtland" - 1911-1970

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...Ferguson family ...the Brick House" ...to a dwelling ...ross from the ...Court House. ...construction of ...was necessary to ...portions of this ...ake room for ...house was later ...the houses were constructed from the salvaged materials, two of which now stand on Court Street.

Architect for "Courtland" was R. E. Haga of Washington, D.C. His blueprints appeared to be sufficient to build at least a dozen houses. For some reason, Mr. Haga could not remain in Appomattox to supervise the work and construction was delayed for about three weeks. W. R. "Bill" Burham of Lynchburg, later revamped the plans and supervised construction work until E. Gilbert Blackwell and Ben M. Blackwell were awarded the contract to complete construction.

Situated in the middle of a two acre plot, "Courtland" had 32 rooms, five halls, five spacious halls, six stairways and many open fire places. There was a full basement and three floors. An elevator was installed by the Otis Elevator Company of Lynchburg primarily for the comfort of the eldest daughter, Virginia, who was stricken with polio when she was nine months old and never walked.

There were wide-columned verandas on the first and second floors with the lower veranda extending completely around the house. The six huge colonial columns in the front of the house measured 20 feet high and 76 inches in circumference. The side porches were supported by 38 columns, 8 feet high and 38 inches in circumference.

The heated basement was one of the most used floors in the early days. School, church and civic parties were held in these spacious rooms with log fires glowing in the winter. Here a regulation sized pool table was enjoyed by the young men of the old.

On the left side of the basement was a large heated circular flower conservatory with glassed-in windows which could be opened when necessary. Ample shelves to accomodate Mrs. Ferguson's potted plants, and those of her friends, were built around the inside walls. The watering of the flowers was taken care of by the servants. Often when spring came and the flower lovers were there to claim their pots, there was much confusion! Mrs. Ferguson's favorite flower was the red geranium and it was interesting to witness the swapping of flower slips among the group.

In her vegetable garden which was where the Post Office now stands, she always cultivated rows of sweet peas and nasturtiums. These colorful flowers were used for arrangements in the home. Mrs. Ferguson took pride in cutting roses from her garden and sending them to the ill.

At "hog-killing" time, at least 20 hogs, varying in size, were butchered at the "Brick House" farm and hauled in wagons to "Courtland" for the cutting-out job. Mrs. Ferguson always sorted "messes" of fresh meat for her neighbors and friends which were delivered to them. The lard was cured in big black pots over open fires and the cracklings therefrom were sealed in jars. The sausage and tenderloin meat was canned and placed on the pantry shelves. The hams, shoulders and side meat were cured with hickory wood in the smoke house in the back yard. These were later hung there for future use. This annual cold-weather procedure required a lot of work but there was plenty of help and all looked forward to enjoying the fresh pork.

When one walked through the wide front door, the upper half of which was cut glass with beveled edges and a large "F" in the center, he entered the reception hall where comfortable leather upholstered chairs awaited tired bodies. An amber Tiffany-leaded chandelier was centered over a round oak table. In one corner of the hall was a grandfather's clock and in the opposite corner was a "Victor Talking Machine Victrola" with the stacks of records piled on either side. This music box did double duty during parties on the porches and roof garden.

In the back entrance hall was a winding stairway which led to the second floor. There were two sofas, another Grandfather's Clock and a Tiffany chandelier, matching the one in the front hall. The dining room was entered from this hallway.

To the right of the front hall, double sliding doors opened into the parlor which measured 20 x 26 feet. A Baby Grand Piano (Ellington) filled one corner of this room while a sheet music cabinet placed nearby stayed chocked full of music of all types. Virginia Ferguson was the one who could really make this piano ring and, possessing a sweet, natural voice, she often sang solos at church services.

There were three cut glass chandeliers with 6 candles in each, one hanging in the center of the room over a gold-leaf table and one at either end. A beautiful glassed in French cabinet was placed in one corner. This spacious room required two suites of French provincial mahogany furniture which was most fragile. As a result, many of the chairs were broken when school parties were held there.

Double sliding doors lead into the dining room with six circular windows to the right. A big fireplace with mahogany mantle added to the attractiveness of the room. A large square Tiffany-lead chandelier, bearing a colorful grape design, hung in the center of the dining room table which measured 5 by 12 feet. Eight brass wall candle holders provided extra light when needed. Besides the table, the massive mahogany furniture included a china closet with curved glass, a long buffet, 16 chairs and two serving tables. The number of meals served from this table would be impossible to estimate as it was laden with food three times each day. Mrs. Ferguson, a gracious hostess, never knew how many to prepare for - especially on court days.

To the left of the entrance hall was the library furnished with mission oak chairs and sofas (upholstered in leather) and two long tables. Oak bookcases with glass doors and drawers at the bottom lined the walls. A large fireplace with a green tile hearth and a hand-carved oak mantle could be seen from the front hall. A red and green Tiffany-leaded chandelier hung in the center of the room.

A door separated the library from the privacy of a cozy den. Mr. Ferguson often brought his legal clients there to talk business.

There was only one bedroom with bath on the first floor and this was referred to as "Grandma's Room".

Each of these rooms described had beautiful hardwood floors partially-covered with Wilton rugs, some of which are being used today. Winfree-Strother Furniture Company of Lynchburg was given the contract for complete furnishings, draperies and rugs for "Courtland".

The old-fashioned kitchen, butler's pantry, a large, walk-in pantry and a connecting hall stretched across the rear of the first floor. There was plenty of activity in this important area. Servants, often as many as six, and family helped with the preparation of foods which included churning, printing butter and canning, besides the real job of cooking and serving the food. Five gallons of milk was brought from the "Brick House" each morning. There also was a walk-in refrigerator and a smaller, ice box style one to preserve large quantities of food. A wood fire, kept in the "Home Comfort" range around the clock in the wintertime, was later supplemented by an electric range. Flour was brought by the barrel and hard by the tub to the kitchen where large quantities of peaches and apples from the Ferguson' extensive orchards were canned.

At the landing of the stairway leading to the second floor, there was a multiple bay window. In the front of this bay window was a love seat, table and chairs. Here, Mrs. Ferguson read the daily newspaper and often entertained morning guests.

The master bedroom faced the front of the house on this floor. It had a connecting dressing room and bath. There were five other bedrooms on this floor with large closets. A walk-in linen closet and two baths completed this floor.

At the front of the second floor's long hall, a door opened onto the porch where several beds were set up in the summer and used on hot nights. It was a favorite spot for girls' slumber parties.

On the third floor there were eight bedrooms, several large storage closets and a bathroom.

NEXT WEEK: The Conclusion of "Courtland"

LOOKING BACK

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2. Pamplin pipe factory's name in 1860:
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3. Pamplin was almost totally destroyed by fire in:
a.) 1909 b.) 1914 c.) 1885 d.) 1897
4. Civil War era Pamplin pipemaker:
a.) Amelia Sears b.) Susan Baldwin c.) Katherine Childers d.) Marie Bates
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